

## WHAT IS OUR DUTY?

The question is being asked by many as to what is our duty in connection with the present war. One of the first things to be considered is that we are actually at war at this time. This fact must be kept clearly in mind at all times. Some months ago the question might have been raised as to whether or not this country ought to go to war with any other country. But that time is past. No matter what our opinion may have been then, now we must deal with present conditions. Supposing we were opposed to our country entering into the war, and that we are still of the opinion that we ought not to have done so, that does not change the facts.

We should remember that the President and the Congress are the representatives of the nation and are its agents in deciding this great question of war. It does not matter whether we belong to the majority or the minority political party, these men have been placed in power to use their best judgment in directing the affairs of the nation. They probably know more of what is for the best interest of the country at large. At any rate it is our duty to uphold, sustain and be obedient to the "powers that be," and to do all in our power to carry out the commands of those in authority, as long as these do not violate our consciences, and we ought to be very sure that our consciences are in accordance with the teaching of God's word.

There are some who say they do not believe in war. It would be well for such persons to ask themselves whether or not they would quietly submit to a personal attack upon their bodies, or upon their family, or upon their property rights, without resenting it and using physical force, if necessary, to protect themselves. If under serious provocation they should do this, they admit the principle of warfare. Admitting this principle, they cannot claim conscientious objections to war on the part of the nation, when it becomes necessary to defend its rights against the attack of enemies.

The government has the right to expect certain things of every citizen. One of these is patriotism. This is love of country. But patriotism is more than the love of the land in which we live. It is love for the principles for which the nation stands. This country stands for democracy, liberty of the people, righteousness on the part of the nation and justice to individuals and nations. These are principles for which any true man may stand.

The government has a right to expect loyalty on the part of every citizen. This is fidelity in performing to the utmost every duty to the government in enabling it to carry out its principles, no matter how great the sacrifice may be.

Patriotism and loyalty must not only be a state of mind and heart, they must find expression.

The form of expression needed just now is service. This is not to be rendered by a few, but it ought to be rendered by every man and woman in the whole land. Even the boys and girls should have their share.

Many of our choicest young men will be called upon to go into the army and navy, and it may be that they will have bloody battles to fight. Some of these have gone or will go voluntarily. Others are going because the government has specially called them. In any case we are sure our soldiers and sailors will maintain the high standards shown by their forefathers on fields of battle, where they have made their names immortal.

Those not called to arms are just as really

called to service. The soldiers must be fed, clothed, cared for on the field, in the camp and in the hospital, and must be supplied with all needed munitions of war. Those left at home must provide these things. They must supply the government with money, but more than that they must supply the government the supplies which it wants to purchase.

Every man and woman in the country ought, as far as possible, to be a producer, or ought to help some one else to be. The worker on the farm, in the factory, in the mine, on the railroad or on board ship may be just as really serving the country as he who is fighting under its flag.

In order that all may be able to do their duty the wheels of business in almost every branch should be kept moving. The people at home must be fed, clothed and cared for in order that they may be best able to do their full duty.

This is a time when sloth and laziness should be banished from the land, and when righteousness should take the place of sin. If our armies are to be victorious, there must be patriotism, loyalty, service, faith and prayer.

## Contributed

## AN HISTORIC CHURCH AND OTHERS ON THE EASTERN SHORE.

(Continued.)

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The young people of Makemie Memorial church take an active interest in all church matters and are a great help to the pastor.

There is a Junior Aid Society, of eighteen members, the Sabbath-school has eighty-two on the roll.

Mrs. Clarence L. Vincent is Superintendent, with the Superintendent Emeritus J. Samuel Price, as advisor.

William S. Parsons has been secretary for many years.

The Ladies' Aid Society has twenty-seven members.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society has for president, Mrs. Vincent, vice-president Mrs. O. M. Purnell, secretary Mrs. William E. Bratten, treasurer Miss Kate Sturgis.

The contributions last year amounted to seventy dollars.

Mrs. John L. Riley is organist of the church, while the choir, under the leadership of Mr. C. L. Vincent, has in it, Mr. Marion T. Hargis, Mr. Le Roy Smith, Mrs. Lorie Wilson, Miss Bessie Bowen.

The list of members of the church is as follows:

Bonneville, Miss Anna	Price, Mrs. J. S.
Bonneville, Mrs. Esther	Price, Miss Nellie
Bonneville, Miss Georgia	Price, William
Bowen, Miss Bessie	Price, Jay S.
Bowman, William	Purnell, Oscar M.
Bowman, Mrs. William	Purnell, Mrs. O. M.
Bowman, Roy	Purnell, Mrs. T. M.
Bratten, William E.	Purnell, Miss Juliet T.
Bratten, Mrs. W. E.	Purnell, Stephen
Burnite, W. H.	Purnell, Stephen, Jr.
Burnite, Mrs. W. H.	Purnell, Mrs. Stephen, Jr.
Burnite, Miss Pauline	Purnell, Miss Julia
Bishop, Avery	Purnell, Miss Grace
Bishop, Mrs. Lola M.	Purnell, Miss Bessie L.
Cauley Mrs. Carrie	Purnell, Miss Bertie
Cauley Miss Aline	Parsons, William S.
Cluff, Mrs. Della	Payne, Oliver
Collins, Mrs. Howard	Rownd, Mrs. William I.
Courtney, James B.	Riley, Dr. John L.
Courtney, Mrs. J. B.	Riley, Mrs. John L.
Fooks, Miss Katherine	Richardson, Miss Elizabeth S.
Dryden, Mrs. Nannie R.	Rychman, Miss Elvira D.
Davis, Mrs. Robert H.	Riley, Miss Margie
Hastings, Lawrence	Riley, Miss Edna
Hastings, Mrs. Lawrence	Riley, Miss Edna
Hargis, Miss Eleanora	R. Smith, C. Parker

Hargis, Miss Carolyn	Spurrier, Mrs. S. V.
Haubert, Mrs. Albert	Sturgis, Miss Kate
Hill, Mrs. William	Sturgis, Mrs. Zadok
Hayward, Mrs. George	Sturgis, William
Johnson, Miss Eva	Sturgis, Clifford
Jones, Dr. Paul	Shearkey, William
Jones, Mrs. Paul	Shearkey, Mrs. William
Jones, C. Irwin	Shearkey, Miss Blanche L.
Jones, Miss Kathryn N.	Shockley, Miss Julia P.
Juckett, Harry	Standford, Mrs. W. Thom
Juckett, Mrs. Harry	Shockley, Charles L.
Juckett, William	Taylor, Mrs. Annie
Juckett, Miss Mabel	Truitt, Miss Estelle
Jones, Mrs. Robley D.	Tilghman, Mrs. F.
Jones, Miss Emily	Tilghman, A.
Jones, Mrs. Lucille	Tilghman, Robert
Kelley, Mrs. Clara	Tilghman, Miss Elizabeth
Kreger, Mrs. W. S.	Truitt, Grover C.
Kreger, Miss Blanche	Truitt, Mrs. Grover C.
LeCompte, Mrs. Elizabeth	Tilghman, Mr. Elbridge
Lake, Paul	Timmons, C. Sidney
Melvin, Mrs. Henrietta	Timmons, Mrs. Charles S.
Moore, Mrs. J. P.	Upshur, Franklin
Moore Mrs. James H.	Vincent, Clarence L.
Moore, Miss Audrey	Vincent, Mrs. C. L.
Moore, Miss Ruth	Whaley, Mrs. James D.
Marriner, Mrs. Eva	Wilson, Mrs. Julia
Nelson, Miss E. J.	White, Mrs. J. E.
Nelson, Sidney F.	Wonnell, Mrs. G. W.
Nelson, Mrs. M. F.	Wilson, Otho
Nelson, Miss Lottie	Wilson, Mrs. Otho
Nelson, Charles Sidney	Wilson, Mrs. James
Nelson, George S.	Wilson, Mrs. Lorie
Nelson, Mrs. E. J.	White, J. Edward, Jr.
Nock, John L.	White, Miss Esther
Nock, Mrs. J. L.	Williams, Glenmore
Nock, J. Clifton	Williams, Mrs. Glenmore
Nock, Miss Elizabeth	Webb, Mrs. Mary
Price, J. Samuel	White, Mrs. Maggie S.

(A remarkable thing about this list of names is that almost everyone of them is a good old English name, showing that this community has not been much affected by recent immigration.)

The present pastor of this historic church is Rev. Walter Scott Kreger, Ph. D. Short sketches of some of the former pastors of the church will be given before this story closes.

The following is of the father of the pastor of President Woodrow Wilson while he was at Princeton. Rev. Sylvester Beach also performed the marriage ceremony for the two daughters of President Wilson, who were married in the White House, in Washington, D. C.

Rev. Charles Beach went to Snow Hill in 1869 and remained one year.

He was the son of Isaac and Elizabeth Meeker Beach, and was born in Newark, N. J., April 9, 1819. He received his preparatory education at Mendham, N. J., under Ezra Fairchild. He was graduated from Woodward College, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1840. While a student in that institution he first made a profession of his faith by uniting with Lane Seminary church, at Walnut Hills, Ohio. After his graduation, he spent one and a half years in teaching as a private tutor in Berkeley county, Virginia. He entered Princeton Theological Seminary in the fall of 1842, where after a full course of three years, he was regularly graduated in 1845. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Elizabeth, April 16, 1845, and soon after leaving the Seminary went to Mississippi, where he was ordained May 17, 1846, by the Presbytery of Louisiana, and installed over the Woodville church, Mississippi. Here he labored faithfully and successfully for eleven years, until released November 20, 1857, to accept a call to the Bethel and South Plains churches, Albemarle county, Virginia. This pastorate continued until December, 1867. For the next two years he was principal of the Gordonsville Female Seminary. He was installed pastor of the Snow Hill church May 16, 1869. Here he added to the duties of pastor the principalship of the Snow Hill High School. This pastorate was dissolved in November, 1870, that he might accept a call to the Presbyterian church, Darnestown, Md., over which he was installed October 30, 1871. From this charge he was released by the Presbytery of Washington City, September 17, 1877, and he entered upon the work of his last pastorate at Sykesville, Md., the famous Harmony church. His installation took place